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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ANC LEADER REV NDABANINGI SITHOLE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. ANC REP KESIWE MALINDI CAME TO EMBASSY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1 REQUESTING TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR. AT AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS, SECOND SECRETARY SPOKE TO MALINDI. MALINDI EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT TO THE EMBASSY BY REV. SITHOLE AND INSTRUCTED TO PERSONALLY ASK THE AMBASSADOR TO TRANSMIT A LETTER FROM REV. SITHOLE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. MALINDI STRESSED THAT LETTER, WHICH WAS IN UNSEALED ENVELOPE, WAS IMPORTANT AND URGED EMBASSY TO ATTEMPT TO GET IT TO SECRETARY KISSINGER BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN ZURICH. EMBOFF ACCEPTED ENVELOPE AND SAID WE WOULD FORWARD CONTENTS OF LETTER.

2. EXAMINATION OF THE LETTER AFTER MALINDI'S DEPARTURE REVEALED A STRONGLY WORDED FOUR PAGE ATTACK ON THE USG FOR NEGOTIATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR ATTEMPTING TO DECIDE THE FATE OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION. LETTER CONTAINED NO RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAS SIGNED BY SITHOLE AS CHAIRMAN OF ANC.

3. FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED QUOTES:"LAST JUNE OF THIS YEAR THE TWO OF YOU MET IN WEST GERMANY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AFFECTING SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE AND NONE OF THE LEGITIMATE OWNERS OF THESE COUNTRIES ATTENDED THAT MEETING, WHICH
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OSTENSIBLY PURPORTED TO EXPLORE WAYS AND MEANS OF SOLVING THE

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PROBLEMS FACING THESE COUNTRIES."

" WE TAKE GREAT EXCEPTION TO THIS UNBECOMING PRACTICE ON YOUR PART."

"IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT YOU ARE SERIOUSLY ENGAGED IN A DETERMINED EXERCISE OF NEO-COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND WHITE SURPREMACY IN THE NAME OF SEEKING A 'PEACEFUL' SOLUTION WHICH BY YOUR VERY ACT OF IGNORING THE LEGITIMATE OWNERS OF THESE COUNTRIES CLEARLY NEGATES. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO A LOGICAL MIND THAT SUCH SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE CONSENSUS OF THE LEGITIMATE OWNERS OF THESE COUNTRIES."

"WE ARE CONVINCED BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT YOU ARE NOT ENGAGED IN AN EXERCISE TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS. IN ZIMBABWE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DIFUSING THE PRESENT ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH IS THE ONLY CREDIBLE ALTERNATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM THE SHACKLES AND FETTERS OF COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND WHITE SURPREMACY. IN NAMIBIA YOU ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN CREATING PUPPET POLITICAL LEADERS REPRESENTING NOT THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS BUT THOSE OF THE USA AND SOUTH AFRICA.IN CONCLUSION I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA HAVE THEIR OWN PLANS TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO BE LIBERATED BY THE USA OR BY SOUTH AFRICA OR BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR THAT MATTER. WE HAVE PLANNED TO LIBERATE OURSELVES. WE KNOW YOU ARE PLANNING HOW TO SUBJUGATE US MORE EFFECTIVELY. NO EXTERNAL PLAN WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEMS FACING SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA BELIEVES WE ARE OUR OWN LIBERATORS."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FULL TEXT OF LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY.
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